

2 December 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Air Force Reserve Training - VART Unit

1. On 1 December 1953, Colonel K. R. Crosher, Ext 52720, Office of Special Assistant Chief of Staff for Reserve Forces, USAF, telephoned concerning my recent letter requesting two-week active duty training tours for members of our VART. He said a negative reply was forthcoming, and wanted to discuss alternatives:

a. ConAC now has set up "training designations" in major Air Force commands. These designations are for mobilization slots in the major command, and authorize paid training and two-week tours. He suggested that ConAC be contacted (probably Colonel William Kimball, Exec to the Vice Commander) to see if we can get some of these for our VART people. We would either have to get a "major command" stature for CIA [REDACTED] or work through Headquarters 25X1A Command. This is a short-range interim solution until the ultimate is possible--maybe next fiscal year. This involves

b. A Reserve Training Center in Washington, which would be manned by a full-time staff, in an armory-type installation, to conduct paid training of reservists (and two-week tours) who are not tagged for a specific mobilization job, but are given specialty training for use against the bulk mobilization requirements of the Air Force. They are to be used as fillers, replacements, etc, and could easily absorb all of our people into an Intelligence Training Squadron, or Group. Money to support and expand this program is being requested in the FY 1955 budget, and has good chance of being approved as the solution to the problem of training individuals. Colonel Crosher feels that ConAC would be interested in our willingness to become part of such a program, because the general idea is to get a "show-place" type of training center started and operating in the Washington area as a working model.

2. Colonel Crosher also stated that there is only enough VART money in the budget this year to permit two-week tours for approximately one reservist out of every fifteen, and prospects for an increase in VART money next year are not very good. Reserve training money is being spent primarily on Ready Units, Mob Assignees and Designees, and on the "training designation" category.

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